

# Daily Digest

## Senate

### Chamber Action

*Routine Proceedings, pages S2779–S2853*

**Measures Introduced:** Fifteen bills and three resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 527–541, and S. Res. 65–67. **Pages S2827–28**

**Measures Reported:**

S. 386, to improve enforcement of mortgage fraud, securities fraud, financial institution fraud, and other frauds related to federal assistance and relief programs, for the recovery of funds lost to these frauds, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. **Page S2827**

**Measures Passed:**

**National Asbestos Awareness Week:** Committee on the Judiciary was discharged from further consideration of S. Res. 57, designating the first week of April 2009 as “National Asbestos Awareness Week”, and the resolution was then agreed to. **Page S2852**

**National School Breakfast Program:** Senate agreed to S. Res. 67, expressing the sense of the Senate that providing breakfast in schools through the national school breakfast program has a positive impact on the lives and classroom performance of low-income children. **Pages S2852–53**

**Measures Considered:**

**Omnibus Appropriations Act:** Senate continued consideration of H.R. 1105, making omnibus appropriations for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2009, taking action on the following amendments proposed thereto: **Pages S2789–S2821**

**Rejected:**

By 39 yeas to 55 nays (Vote No. 81), Wicker Modified Amendment No. 607, to require that amounts appropriated for the United Nations Population Fund are not used by organizations which support coercive abortion or involuntary sterilization. **Pages S2788–89, S2790–95**

By 42 yeas to 52 nays (Vote No. 82), Murkowski Amendment No. 599, to modify a provision relating to the repromulgation of final rules by the Secretary of the Interior and the Secretary of Commerce. **Pages S2789, S2800–06, S2809–13**

By 43 yeas to 51 nays (Vote No. 83), Cochran (for Inhofe) Amendment No. 613, to provide that no funds may be made available to make any assessed contribution or voluntary payment of the United States to the United Nations if the United Nations implements or imposes any taxation on any United States persons. **Pages S2789, S2806–07, S2813**

By 41 yeas to 53 nays (Vote No. 85), Cochran (for Kyl) Amendment No. 634, to prohibit the expenditure of amounts made available under this Act in a contract with any company that has a business presence in Iran’s energy sector. **Pages S2789, S2807–09, S2814–16**

**Withdrawn:**

Cochran (for Crapo (and others)) Amendment No. 638, to strike a provision relating to Federal Trade Commission authority over home mortgages. **Pages S2789, S2816–17**

**Pending:**

Ensign Amendment No. 615, to strike the restrictions on the District of Columbia Opportunity Scholarship Program. **Page S2821**

During consideration of this measure today, Senate also took the following action:

By 26 yeas to 68 nays (Vote No. 84), three-fifths of those Senators duly chosen and sworn, not having voted in the affirmative, Senate rejected the motion to waive pursuant to section 302(f) of the Congressional Budget Act of 1974, with respect to Thune Modified Amendment No. 635, to provide funding for the Emergency Fund for Indian Safety and Health, with an offset. Subsequently, the point of order that the amendment would provide spending in excess of the subcommittee’s 302(b) allocation was sustained, and the amendment thus fell. **Pages S2789, S2798–S2800, S2807, S2813–14**

**Cloture Motion—Agreement:** A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that the previously scheduled vote on the motion to invoke cloture on the bill, be vitiated. **Page S2820**

Subsequently, the motion to invoke cloture on the bill was withdrawn. **Page S2820**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the bill at 10 a.m., on Friday, March 6, 2009. **Page S2853**